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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6241

BILL NUMBER: SB 128

DATE PREPARED: Nov 3, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: School Discipline.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a school corporation to provide in its disciplinary rules for a meeting between the school principal and the person having care of a dependent student if the student is physically or verbally abusive to another individual on school grounds or in a school-related setting.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: School corporations could experience a minimal increase in administrative time and cost in implementing the provisions of this bill. The specific effects would vary by school corporation and would depend upon local action.

Under current law, school corporations are required to establish written discipline rules and give general publicity to these rules within their respective schools. In addition, school corporations are allowed to adopt rules compelling individuals having care of a dependant student to take part in disciplinary conferences.

In accordance with this bill, school corporations would be required to compel such individuals (via existing discipline rules) to take part in disciplinary conferences under certain circumstances.

Background: For the 2001 school year, Indiana's average daily membership (ADM) consisted of 954,487 students, and public school enrollment totaled 988,691. Approximately 1,960 public schools were in operation within Indiana's 294 school corporations during that time.

The following table illustrates the number of suspensions and expulsions from school years 1996 through 2000 (data for 2001 are not yet complete).

Suspensions and Expulsions for School Years 1996-2000

YEAR	SUSPENSIONS	EXPULSIONS
2000	293,934	7,313
1999	305,767	9,263
1998	302,593	10,229
1997	306,034	9,340
1996	227,326	8,982

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: School Corporations.

Information Sources: DOE ORACLE Data Tables and SAS Data Sets.